

Take Our Children To Work Day

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Nearly 100 kids participated in DOA's "Take Our Children to Work Day" this year. From 8:30 to 3:45, the kids had lots to do. They were divided into three groups: those in elementary school (grades K-3), those in middle school (grades 4-7), and those in grades 8 and up. Each group had a different schedule geared to the age of the kids. After a welcome and introduction, the kids broke into their three groups and went on their way.

A great opportunity:

- for kids to learn what their parents do each day;
- to interest young people in a career in government.



The youngest group went on a tour of the capitol and met some state legislators. After a lunch with their family, they sat in on a conference conducted with television sets and a video hookup, took part in an interactive hunt on PCs, and did some art work. They also published their own thank you card that showed that they did come to work.



The middle group also met state legislators and toured the state capitol building. They also took part in making a website that had their picture and some interesting information about themselves. After a PC scavenger hunt, the kids saw a demonstration of the new state portal on the web. And all the kids who did a survey about the state's portal had a surprise waiting for them.



The high school 8 - college group spent a lot of time learning about state government. A member of the DOA secretary's office told them what DOA does. They also visited the different divisions in DOA and found out more about where their family member works and what they do all day. They got some inside information on Wisconsin's statewide data network: "BadgerNet". The group then traveled to the capitol for a visit to the Governor's office and heard about the capitol renovation that has been underway for years and still has a way to go. They closed out the day by hearing about getting a job in DOA.

Plans are already underway for next year's "Take Our Children To Work Day". If the trends continue, there will be more kids involved and even more to do. We hope every kid connected to someone at DOA will join in.

We think the kids had a great time and, when they get back to school, we hope that they and their friends will visit the kids page and complete the feedback form.
wisconsin.gov/state/core/kids_page.html



